

1           A.     This was a precursor to budget  
2     discussions as I recall.

3           Q.     You mention it was a pleasure meeting  
4     with Mr. Thompson. Would this letter have gone  
5     after one of the quarterly meetings?

6           A.     Yes.

7           Q.     Would Mr. Thompson have gotten any  
8     information about the proposed changes prior to  
9     the meeting?

10          A.     I don't recall.

11          Q.     I want you to look briefly back at  
12     Exhibits 2 and 3 again. If you'll notice,  
13     Exhibit 2 was sent to Mr. Thompson at his home in  
14     Washington, Exhibit 3 was sent to Mr. Lokting at  
15     his offices in Portland, and Exhibit 4 was sent  
16     to Mr. Thompson at the corporate headquarters in  
17     Portland. Is there any reason why the different  
18     correspondence was sent to different locations?

19          A.     I think it was just an incorrect  
20     address in a file that my secretary had. I don't  
21     recall which one of these letters, but one of  
22     them was eventually returned to us and had to be  
23     re-sent to Mr. Thompson at the correct address.

24          Q.     Have you ever been instructed whether  
25     you're to send correspondence to Mr. Thompson

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1 directly or through his counsel, Mr. Lokting?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And who are you to send correspondence  
4 to?

5 A. I received a letter from Mr. Lokting  
6 fairly recently instructing me to send  
7 correspondence to him directly.

8 Q. Do you need approval from anybody at  
9 Comcast prior to sending correspondence?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Does anyone on your staff correspond in  
12 any way with either Mr. Lokting or Mr. Thompson?

13 A. Not generally.

14 Q. Have they in the past?

15 A. I believe there have been cases where  
16 there has been direct contact.

17 Q. Would your employee have to go through  
18 you prior to contacting Mr. Thompson or  
19 Mr. Lokting?

20 A. Those are my instructions, yes.

21 MR. WEBER: Thank you, Mr. Dombroski,  
22 that's all the questions I have.

23 MR. GURMAN: I have a few for you.

24 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR  
25 AMERICAN CELLULAR NETWORK CORP.

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1 BY MR. GURMAN:

2 Q. What type of switch does the Wilmington  
3 office have at the present date?

4 A. A Motorola EMX 2500.

5 Q. And does that switch have the  
6 capability to discretely turn on or shut down  
7 certain cell sites?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. While keeping others on the air  
10 obviously?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. To your knowledge is that a feature of  
13 all contemporary switches?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How long would it take, for example, if  
16 Comcast gave you an order to turn off all the  
17 cell sites in the Dover market?

18 A. Ten to 15 minutes.

19 Q. What sort of a routine would you have  
20 to go through?

21 A. Well, it depends on who I got that  
22 request from, but I would typically contact Jeff  
23 Smith just to discuss the matter with him,  
24 probably talk with Don Harris, president of the  
25 company. And, if there was agreement to proceed,

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1 we would make a phone call to the switching site  
2 and it would be a matter of a few minutes when  
3 the sites were off the area.

4 Q. Is there some sort of a program that  
5 you would have to go through or what is the  
6 process?

7 A. The details of how to do it?

8 Q. Yes, in lay terms.

9 A. Sure. I'm not familiar with the  
10 details, but people who are familiar with it type  
11 in commands to a computer, hit the return key,  
12 and the system would begin to take processors out  
13 of service and shut the sites down.

14 Q. How long would it take to turn the  
15 Atlantic City cells down as compared to the Dover  
16 cells, any difference?

17 A. Same amount of time.

18 Q. Same process?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If Atlantic City had a stand-alone  
21 switch just serving that market alone and the  
22 system were operated as an island, how long would  
23 it take to shut down the Atlantic City cells,  
24 would the process be any different?

25 A. Same process.

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1 Q. Same time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. From strictly a technical point of  
4 view, do you perceive any technical loss of  
5 control over the operation of specific cell  
6 sites; namely, the ability to turn cells on or  
7 off or to add channels when a switch covers  
8 multiple markets as opposed to a single market?

9 A. No, the process is the same.

10 Q. What is a cell group manager?

11 A. That's a physical interface in the  
12 Motorola EMX 2500 that provides signaling and  
13 voice connectivity between the switch and the  
14 cell site.

15 Q. In the Wilmington switch, is there a  
16 separate cell group manager governing the Dover  
17 and Wilmington markets?

18 A. No, there are multiple cell group  
19 managers.

20 Q. Is there a separate cell group manager  
21 for the Atlantic City market?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In terms of the cell sites in Comcast  
24 markets, is there a procedure for access? This  
25 is not Atlantic City, just Comcast markets, is

1     there a procedure for access to the cell sites,  
2     does somebody hold the keys, or what sort of  
3     security clearance might be involved?

4             A.     There are keys for each one of the cell  
5     sites. There are master keys that serve large  
6     areas. The keys are issued to individual cell  
7     site technicians who have responsibility for  
8     sites so that they have access. There's a  
9     duplicate key kept locked in each one of our  
10    facilities in case the need for emergency access  
11    comes up. And the master keys are in the  
12    possession of the director of operations.

13            Q.     And, if the chairman of the board of  
14    Comcast wanted to visit a cell site, could he  
15    simply go to a cell site and have access to it?

16            A.     No.

17            Q.     What sort of procedure would he have to  
18    follow?

19            A.     He would have to get in contact with --  
20    typically with me. And I could make arrangements  
21    for him to have access to a site, escorted by one  
22    of our technicians who would have the key. And  
23    there's also a security procedure when the site  
24    door is opened, it causes an alarm to be  
25    generated that would be typically interpreted as

1 a break-in unless the person entered a code and  
2 called back to the control center to let them  
3 know who was on-site.

4 Q. During your tenure at Metrophone, to  
5 your knowledge could the chairman of the board or  
6 any of the nontechnical officers, nonengineering  
7 officers of Metrophone have access to any -- this  
8 is pre-Comcast, access to any of the cell sites?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Was a similar sort of procedure in  
11 place?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What was your position with Metrophone,  
14 your exact title?

15 A. Vice-president of engineering and  
16 operations.

17 Q. And how long were you at Metrophone?

18 A. About four years.

19 Q. In terms of site access, the procedures  
20 you just described within Comcast, are they any  
21 different with respect to Atlantic City?

22 A. No, same procedures.

23 Q. If Mr. Thompson or Mr. Lokting were to  
24 instruct you or wish to have access to a  
25 particular cell site, what sort of procedure

1 would come into play?

2 A. I would arrange for one of the site  
3 technicians to escort them to the site and give  
4 them access.

5 Q. Are you aware of any recent occasion  
6 where Mr. Lokting or Mr. Thompson visited the  
7 Wilmington switch site?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When?

10 A. During the last quarterly meeting.

11 Q. And what transpired?

12 A. As I recall, during the meeting, they  
13 had asked to visit the switch location; and we  
14 made arrangement for them to have access. I did  
15 not accompany them to Wilmington.

16 Q. Did Comcast recently make a decision to  
17 change its switch in Wilmington?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And why did it make that decision?

20 A. We made that decision based on  
21 economics. And also we believe that the new  
22 vendor we have selected provides a platform  
23 that's designed for the future of cellular as  
24 opposed to the existing platform that we're  
25 using.



1 Q. Who is that new vendor?

2 A. AT&T.

3 Q. And can you briefly describe what you  
4 perceive the advantages are of using one versus  
5 the other?

6 A. The AT&T switching system has a very  
7 long-term evolution plan. It is a platform that  
8 is deployed worldwide. On the radio base station  
9 portion of the system, the AT&T platform supports  
10 multiple access technologies including amps,  
11 CDMA, and TDMA, and from our perspective provides  
12 us with a great deal of flexibility that we don't  
13 have with the current platform.

14 Q. That's the Motorola switch?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Were you involved and to what extent in  
17 the engineering, planning, and the ultimate  
18 decision to make this change?

19 A. I was involved extensively.

20 Q. Do you know if Mr. Thompson was  
21 presented with any options in terms of the  
22 switching for Atlantic City?

23 A. Yes, he was.

24 Q. Do you know specifically what those  
25 options were from a technical point of view?

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1           A.     Yes.   There were three options  
2     presented I believe.   One was to continue to  
3     operate the existing Motorola EMX 2500 switch in  
4     Wilmington and the existing Motorola cell sites  
5     in Atlantic City.   The other was to provide for a  
6     smaller version of the Motorola EMX 2500 located  
7     elsewhere other than the Wilmington switching  
8     office and continue to operate the existing  
9     Motorola base stations in Atlantic City.   And the  
10    third option was to change out the Atlantic City  
11    base stations to AT&T Series 2 and connect them  
12    to a 5 ESS switch in Wilmington, Delaware.

13           Q.     Do you know which option Mr. Thompson  
14    ultimately selected?

15           A.     He selected to go with the AT&T.

16           Q.     And when is that changeover expected to  
17    occur?

18           A.     The current schedule has the changeover  
19    occurring on the weekend of July 14, 1995.

20           Q.     Will the new switch afford the same  
21    capability as the Motorola switch in terms of  
22    discretely turning cells off and on that we  
23    discussed before?

24           A.     Yes.

25           Q.     Previously you described some

1 frustration in that all of your engineering  
2 proposals to Mr. Thompson are not necessarily  
3 accepted or implemented in the time period that  
4 you would like. Are all of your engineering  
5 proposals to Comcast with respect to its markets  
6 accepted?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Are there times that you cannot  
9 implement plans and recommendations in the time  
10 frame that you might like at Comcast?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Referring back to Dombroski Exhibit 2,  
13 what was the ultimate disposition of the Port  
14 Republic and Seaville sites?

15 A. I believe Mr. Thompson executed both of  
16 those agreements.

17 MR. GURMAN: No further questions.

18 MR. WEBER: Nothing further.

19 (Thereupon, at 11:10 a.m., the taking  
20 of the instant deposition ceased.)

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Signature of the Witness

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25 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th

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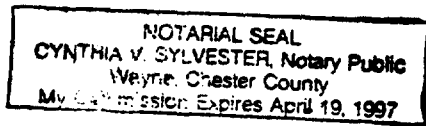
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February 10, 1995

Ray Dombrowski  
Comcast Cellular Communications, Inc.  
480 East Swedesford Road  
Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087-1867

Re: Ellis Thompson Corporation/Atlantic City

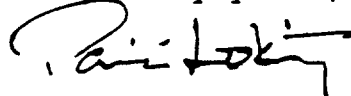
Dear Ray:

I have enclosed the lease documents for the Port Republic/Blakes Lane site and the Mentzer/Seaville site. I have retained one copy of both agreements.

For your future reference, it would be simpler if you would send all original documents to be signed by Mr. Thompson to my office. In addition, these documents refer to the lessee as "Ellis Thompson Corporation, an Oregon corporation, dba Comcast Metrophone." Comcast Metrophone is not an assumed business name of Ellis Thompson Corporation. As you know, Comcast merely provides management services to Ellis Thompson Corporation and should not be referenced in any way as a party to the agreements. I am sure this is just an oversight. We have noted the deletion.

In addition, I am returning to you the FCC consent documents, and extension agreements.

Very truly yours,

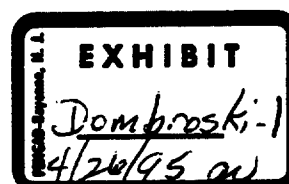


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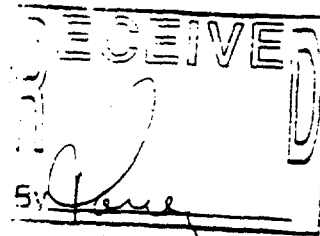
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480 East Swedesboro Road  
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610-995-5000



February 6, 1995

Mr. Ellis Thompson  
ELLIS THOMPSON CORPORATION  
3806 Northwest McCann Road  
Vancouver, WA 98685-1130

Dear Mr. Thompson:

During our meeting on December 5 you asked that we continue site acquisition activities for sites which you may anticipate constructing in 1995. You also asked that we would advise you when lease negotiations reached a point where agreements for these new sites would be executed. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of enclosing copies of the agreements for both the Seaville and Port Republic sites.

We would appreciate your approval and execution of these agreements at your earliest possible convenience, since we are hoping to have the required permits for Port Republic in early February, and we are going to zoning this week for Hammononton, with anticipated approvals by the second week of March. A pre-addressed Federal Express envelope is enclosed to expedite return of the documents.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 610-995-3749. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

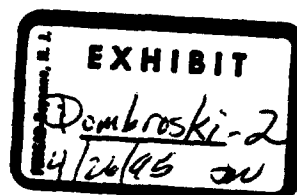
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R. E. Dombroski  
Vice President, Engineering & New Technology

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cc: D. Lokting  
J. Smith



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215 975-5900



July 28, 1994

David A. Lokting, Esq.  
STOLL STOLL BERNE & LOKTING P.C.  
209 Southwest Oak Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Lokting:

Enclosed is a lease agreement for a cellular site in Tuckahoe, Cape May County, New Jersey. The site is badly needed to improve coverage on several state highways and portions of the Garden State Parkway.

Please review this and have it executed by Ellis Thompson. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please call me on 610-995-3749.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

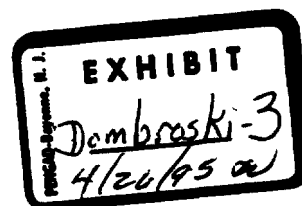
Sincerely,

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R. E. Dombroski  
Vice President, Engineering & New Technology

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cc: Ellis Thompson (w/o attach)  
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John Simon (w/o attach)



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September 13, 1994

Mr. Jeff Thompson  
ELLIS THOMPSON CORPORATION  
5406 North Missouri  
Portland, Oregon 97217

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. Lokting today. As you requested, enclosed is a coverage plot for the changes to the Atlantic City system that we had proposed today. Also, I've enclosed a map to make it easier to understand the coverage implications of these changes.

We will prepare a smaller coverage plot and send that as soon as possible.

Please call if you have any questions.

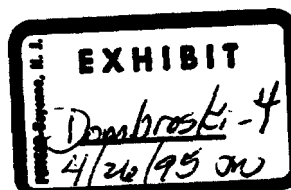
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R. E. Dombroski  
Vice President, Engineering & New Technology

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~~Jeff Smith~~  
Anne Hillman



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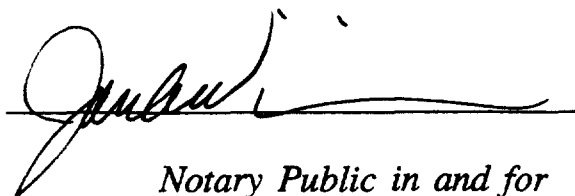


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19	9	...specific.	...specific one.	Clarification
20	25	Uh-huh.	Yes.	Clarification
25	14	Yeah,...	Yes,...	Clarification

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30	23	...we used to call him.	...we call him.	Clarification
36	10	...over 25,000...	...over \$25,000...	Clarification
36	13	100,000...	\$100,000...	Clarification
36	22	100,000...	\$100,000...	Clarification
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56	18	Yeah...	Yes...	Clarification
59	25	...was I think a million eight or a million nine and...	...was I think one million eight hundred thousand or one million nine hundred thousand and...	Clarification
60	2	...limit is 2.9 million...	...limit is \$2.9 million	Clarification
65	7	...did not seek 20,000 anymore?	...did not seek \$20,000 anymore?	Clarification
66	11	...to do work on this also.	...to do work on the cellular system.	Clarification

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9 Washington, D.C.

10 Tuesday, April 25, 1995

11 Deposition of ANNA E. HILLMAN, a  
12 witness herein, called for examination by counsel  
13 for Federal Communications Commission in the  
14 above-entitled matter, pursuant to agreement, the  
15 witness being duly sworn by JAN A. WILLIAMS, a  
16 Notary Public in and for the District of  
17 Columbia, taken at the offices of Gurman, Kurtis,  
18 Blask & Freedman, Suite 500, 1400 16th Street,  
19 N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036, at 1:00 p.m.,  
20 Tuesday, April 25, 1995, and the proceedings  
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1 head.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. And, if you don't understand a  
4 question, just ask me to reask it or to explain  
5 further what I'm asking you.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Did you do anything to prepare for this  
8 deposition?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. And what did you do?

11 A. I met with Lou Gurman.

12 Q. Did you review any documents?

13 A. Yes, my -- the correspondence files  
14 that pertain to me.

15 Q. What is your business address?

16 A. 480 East Swedesford Road in Wayne,  
17 Pennsylvania, 19087, it's Comcast Cellular  
18 Communications.

19 Q. And what is your educational  
20 background?

21 A. I have an undergraduate degree in  
22 acting from Villanova University and a master's  
23 in business administration from Villanova.

24 Q. What is your current occupation?

25 A. I am senior vice-president of finance

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1 and marketing, Dave Watson; and anything in the  
2 finance area would be me. We each copy each  
3 other and communicate with each other on things  
4 so that we each know what's going on.

5 MR. WEBER: I would like this exhibit  
6 marked as Hillman Exhibit 1.

7 (Hillman Exhibit No. 1 was  
8 marked for identification.)

9 BY MR. WEBER:

10 Q. Have you seen this document before?

11 A. I'm not sure about the front part of  
12 it, but the back, the switching agreement and the  
13 amendments, I have.

14 Q. If you'll notice, there are stamped  
15 numbers down at the bottom. Can you tell us what  
16 you have not seen before?

17 A. I said I'm not sure. Page 21.

18 Q. You mean the numbers up at the top?

19 A. ~~Yeah~~ Yes

20 Q. You have seen the amendment that starts  
21 on page 144287 down at the lower right-hand  
22 corner?

23 A. Yes, I have.

24 Q. Can you tell us what this is?

25 A. This is the management agreement.

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1 Q. Do you know the circumstances which led  
2 to this agreement being entered into?

3 A. I had just started with the company  
4 right about that time.

5 Q. There is another amendment which starts  
6 at page 144295. Do you recognize that document,  
7 that amendment?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you tell us what this amendment is?

10 A. This reduces the management fee  
11 percentage.

12 Q. Can you tell us the circumstances that  
13 led to this amendment being entered into?

14 A. I think I do remember this. The  
15 management fee that was negotiated by the prior  
16 owners was higher, it was, I don't know, 15  
17 percent or something. We ~~may have~~<sup>2</sup> had the same  
18 high rates for other businesses that we were  
19 managing, but it was renegotiated for a lower  
20 rate.

21 Q. And by prior owners who do you mean?

22 A. Amcell.

23 Q. And owners of what?

24 A. Of the company that owned the cellular  
25 licenses in North Jersey and the Delaware region